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Draft report of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 56/24 V, the General Assembly welcomed the adoption by consensus of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and decided to convene a conference, no later than 2006, to review progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action, the date and venue of which was to be decided by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth session. The Assembly also decided to convene a meeting of States on a biennial basis, commencing in 2003, to consider the national, regional and global implementation of the Programme of Action.

2. Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 57/72 and 59/86, the first two biennial meetings were held in New York, from 7 to 11 July 2003 and from 11 to 15 July 2005. In accordance with Assembly resolutions 58/241 and 59/86, the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held in New York from 26 June to 7 July 2006. Pursuant to resolutions 61/66 and 62/47, the third biennial meeting was held from 14 to 18 July 2008 and, pursuant to resolutions 63/72 and 64/50, the fourth was held from 14 to 18 June 2010. Pursuant to resolutions 65/64 and 66/47, the second Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012.

3. In its resolution 67/58, the General Assembly decided, pursuant to the schedule of meetings for the period from 2012 to 2018 agreed at the Second Review Conference, to convene, in accordance with the relevant provision of the

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Programme of Action, a one-week biennial meeting of States, in New York in 2014 and 2016, and a one-week open-ended meeting of governmental experts in 2015, to consider the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action.

4. In its resolution 68/48, the General Assembly decided that the next biennial meeting of States would be held in New York from 16 to 20 June 2014.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration

5. The Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects was held at United Nations Headquarters from 16 to 20 June 2014, during the course of which [...] plenary meetings were held to consider the implementation of the Programme of Action.

6. The Secretary of the Fifth Biennial Meeting was Kenji Nakano of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

7. The Fifth Biennial Meeting was opened by the Deputy High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Virginia Gamba, who made a statement. Ms. Gamba also conducted the election of the Chair of the Meeting.

B. Officers

8. At the 1st meeting, on 16 June 2014, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Chair:

Mr. Zahir Tanin (Afghanistan)

Vice-Chairs:

Algeria, Argentina, Colombia, Czech Republic, Germany, Guatemala, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Liberia, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Portugal, Republic of Moldova and Romania.

C. Adoption of the agenda

9. Also at the 1st meeting, the following agenda (A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/L.1) was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement of the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Election of other officers of the meeting.

6. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects at the national, regional and global levels, including stockpile management, including physical security measures of small arms and light weapons.

7. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons.

8. International cooperation and assistance for full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument, including:

   (a) Capacity-building, including training;

   (b) Transfer of technology and equipment.

9. Other issues and topics of relevance to the implementation of the Programme of Action.

10. Consideration of the draft final document.

11. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.

10. At the same meeting, the programme of work (A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/L.2) was adopted.

D. Rules of procedure

11. Also at the 1st meeting, it was decided that the rules of procedure of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/L.1) would be applied mutatis mutandis.

12. At the same meeting, in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of rule 63 of the rules of procedure, a decision was taken on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Fifth Biennial Meeting.

E. Documentation

13. The documentation of the Fifth Biennial Meeting is contained in document A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/INF/[...].

14. National reports on the implementation of the Programme of Action were submitted to the Fifth Biennial Meeting on a voluntary basis by the following [...] States: [...].

III. Proceedings

A. Consideration of the implementation of the Programme of Action in all its aspects at the national, regional and global levels, including stockpile management, including physical security measures of small arms and light weapons

15. [...]

B. Consideration of the implementation of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons

16. [...].

C. International cooperation and assistance for full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument

1. Capacity-building, including training

2. Transfer of technology and equipment

[...]

D. Other issues and topics of relevance to the implementation of the Programme of Action

[...]

IV. Adoption of the draft final document

17. At the 9th meeting, on 20 June 2014, under agenda item 10, it was decided to include in the present report the outcome on agenda items 6 to 9.

V. Adoption of the report

18. At its 10th meeting, on 20 June 2014, the participants considered and adopted the draft report of the Fifth Biennial Meeting (A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/L.3). The outcome of the Fifth Biennial Meeting read as follows: [...].